

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/003983

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.C1<sup>7</sup> G09G3/36, G02F1/133

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages  | Relevant to claim No. |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|
| X         | JP 2002-108294 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Advanced Display),<br>10 April, 2002 (10.04.02),<br>Par. Nos. [0009] to [0012]; Fig. 1<br>& US 2002/0044151 A1 | 1,13,23-24            |
| X         | JP 2000-338916 A (Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.),<br>08 December, 2000 (08.12.00),<br>Par. Nos. [0044] to [0053]; Figs. 8 to 10<br>(Family: none)     | 1,13,23-24            |
| X         | JP 11-126050 A (Canon Inc.),<br>11 May, 1999 (11.05.99),<br>Par. Nos. [0040] to [0045]; Figs. 1, 6<br>& EP 0911795 A2                             | 1,13,23-24            |

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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| A         | JP 5-108032 A (Hitachi, Ltd.),<br>30 April, 1993 (30.04.93),<br>Full text; all drawings<br>(Family: none)  | 1-3, 13-14,<br>23-24  |
| P, X      | JP 2003-114663 A (L.G. Philips LCD Co., Ltd.),<br>18 April, 2003 (18.04.03),<br>Par. Nos. [0043] to [0068]; Figs. 5 to 7<br>& US 2003/0095088 A1 | 1-3, 13-14,<br>23-24  |
| P, X      | JP 2003-108103 A (L.G. Philips LCD Co., Ltd.),<br>11 April, 2003 (11.04.03),<br>Par. Nos. [0024] to [0041]; Figs. 5 to 7<br>& US 2003/0095090 A1 | 1-3, 13-14,<br>23-24  |

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**Box No. II      Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
2.  Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
  
3.  Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box No. III      Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The technical feature common to claims 1-3, 13-14, 23-24 (hereinafter, referred to as invention A), claims 4-5, 15 (hereinafter, referred to as invention B), and claims 6-12, 16-22 (hereinafter, referred to as invention C) relates to that according to the result of detection by the signal type detection means, the emphasis conversion degree for the image data in the emphasis conversion means is variably controlled.

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1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3.  As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
  
4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-3, 13-14, 23-24

**Remark on Protest**

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.  
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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However, the search has revealed that this technical feature is not novel since it is disclosed in documents JP 2002-1082945 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Advanced Display), 10 April, 2002 (10.04.02), JP 2000-338916 (Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.), 08.12.00, JP 11-126050 A (Canon Inc.), 11 May, 1999 (11.05.99). As a result, the aforementioned technical feature makes no contribution over the prior art and cannot be a special technical feature within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence. Accordingly, there exists no technical feature common to the inventions A-C.